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TAGS: PINR, TZ (MAOULIDI, AHMED)

SUBJECT: ZANZIBAR PROTOCOL CHIEF TRANSFERRED TO DAR ES SALAAM

1. ZANZIBAR'S CHIEF OF PROTOCOL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AHMED MAOULIDI, LEFT ZANZIBAR IN MID-MAY FOR A TWO OR THREE-MONTH FAMILIARIZATION ASSIGNMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN DAR ES SALAAM. MAOULIDI THEN EXPECTS TO BE POSTED ABROAD, PROBABLY TO A FRENCH-SPEAKING COUNTRY WHERE HIS FLUENCY IN THAT LANGUAGE WOULD BE AN ASSET.

2. MAOULIDI HAS BEEN TRYING TO GET A FOREIGN POSTING ALMOST THE ENTIRE 13 YEARS HE HAS BEEN CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, AT ONE POINT EVEN ASKING THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN DAR ES SALAAM TO INTERCEDE ON HIS BEHALF WITH THE MINISTRY TO HAVE HIM POSTED ABROAD. MAOULIDI, WHO WAS BORN IN ZANZIBAR OF COMORIAN PARENTS, WAS BRIEFLY DISMISSED FROM HIS JOB IN 1969 DURING A GENERAL PURGE OF COMORIANS FROM THE ZANZIBAR CIVIL SERVICE AND THIS EXPERIENCE, PLUS HIS BELIEF THAT HIS TALENTS ARE UNDERUTILIZED IN ZANZIBAR, UNDOUBTEDLY CONTRIBUTED TO HIS DESIRE FOR A FOREIGN POSTING.

3. IN THE MID-1960'S, MAOULIDI WAS OPENLY HOSTILE TO THE AMERICAN CONSULATE AND WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO MAKE DIFFICULTIES: E.G., OBSTRUCTING APPOINTMENTS AND DENYING ENTRY PERMITS TO
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OFFICIAL U.S. VISITORS. FROM MID-1967 TO DATE HE HAS BEEN COOLY CORRECT TOWARDS THE CONSULATE ALTHOUGH IT IS BELIEVED HIS PERSONAL POLITICAL OPINIONS ARE STILL OPPOSED TO AMERICAN INTERESTS. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE MARXIST-ORIENTED UMMA PARTY (NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE) AND HAS BEEN FRIENDLY WITH THE CHINESE COMMUNIST CONSULAR DELEGATION ON THE ISLAND. AT HIS FAREWELL PARTY MAY 10 MAOULIDI SPOKE OF HOW GRATEFUL HE WAS TO HAVE BEEN IN

A POSITION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 1964 REVOLUTION IN ZANZIBAR.

4. MAOULIDI'S PROTOCOL POST WILL BE FILLED BY MBAROUK SHABAN, WHO IS CONSIDERABLY MORE FRIENDLY TOWARDS THE CONSULATE THAN HIS PREDECESSOR.

5. BASIC BIO DATA FOR MAOULIDI: BORN JANUARY 2, 1938, ZANZIBAR; OF AFRICAN-ARAB (COMORIAN) RACIAL ORIGIN; MUSLIM RELIGION; HE IS OF AVERAGE BUILD, ROUND-FACED, COMPLEXION MEDIUM BROWN, HEIGHT 5' 7", EYES BLACK, HAIR BLACK; SPEAKS AND READS FLUENTLY ENGLISH, FRENCH, AND SWAHILI; EDUCATED THROUGH SECONDARY SCHOOL IN A FRENCH LYCEE IN TANANARIVE, MADAGASCAR; MARRIED TO THE DAUGHTER OF KINGWABA HASSAN, ZANZIBAR'S MINISTER OF HEALTH. MAOULIDI HAS NO MILITARY SERVICE; WAS EMPLOYED FOR A TIME WITH THE FRENCH EMBASSY, DAR ES SALAAM, BUT WAS DISMISSED. HE HAS TRAVELLED IN EAST AFRICA, INCLUDING MADAGASCAR, UNITED STATES (NEW YORK CITY AND ENVIRONS ONLY), OCTOBER 1970, ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT NYERERE TO UNITED NATIONS FOR FIVE DAYS. SHIPPY

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